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Applicants: Matassa et al.

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For: PEPTIDE INHIBITORS OF HEPATITIS C
VIRUS NS3 PROTEASE

Examiner: Mondesi, Robert B.

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

Responsive to the office action mailed October 3, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 7 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 16 of this paper.

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